

THE K. C. Topic for October 10, is "Enduring Hardships for Christ's Sake." We call special attention to the notes on the topics in this issue. They are full and to the point. The references are well chosen and the outline is excellent. With these notes as a basis most any society can have an interesting and profitable meeting. If you are not in reach of a young people's society take up the study of these topics in the home. Read the references and apply them to the subject. You will find the study very helpful.

#### THOSE FIVE HUNDRED.

It is needless to say that we do not yet have those five hundred subscribers. Come, brethren, we must fill up this column a little more rapidly. Have you made an effort to secure *one* subscriber since reading the last EVANGELIST? Some few we know have tried and have succeeded. If any new subscribers are to be secured this is certainly the time to do it, while the price remains one dollar.

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#### TO WHOM TO PRAY.

It is very seldom that we have occasion to make reference in these columns to Dr. Dowie and his work in Chicago. However, in a recent issue of his paper, *Leaves of Healing*, the doctor makes a statement that should not go unchallenged. He says: "Never pray to Jesus. You have no more right to pray to Jesus than you have to the Virgin Mary." Again, "You can praise the Lord Jesus. You can praise the Holy Ghost. You can praise the Apostle Paul. You can praise your wife." What does this mean? Is the Apostle Paul and the Virgin Mary as objects of worship to be placed on an equality with the Lord Jesus? And as objects of devotion, reverence and adoration, is your wife to be made equal with them? Surely the doctor does not mean to teach idolatry. It is generally admitted that our prayers should be directed to the Father thro the Lord Jesus as our mediator. Christ himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, and no man cometh to the Father but by me." Is it in harmony, however, with the spirit of the gospel to limit our prayers either di-

rect to the Father or to the Lord Jesus? We think not. The Bible does not so teach. Is it true that we have no right to pray to the Lord Jesus? If so, then many of the New Testament prayers were certainly misdirected. The blind men by the wayside prayed, "Thou son of David have mercy on us." The thief on the cross prayed direct to Christ, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." These were prayers and they were answered, but as they were not the prayers of God's own children, and as they were offered during Christ's sojourn on earth, we would not emphasize them too strongly as an argument, yet they certainly show the statement incorrect that we have no right to pray to Jesus.

Again, turn to the death of Stephen. In his last moment he prayed, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit." Acts 7:59. And then, just before he fell asleep in Jesus, he kneeled down and prayed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Verse 60. Was not this a prayer? Had Stephen no right to pray to Jesus? He was a devout and holy man, full of the Holy Ghost, so filled with the spirit, indeed, that he could see the Lord Jesus standing on the right hand of God in heaven. Who shall say that this good and eminently pious man had no right to pray to the Lord Jesus, the Lord who had redeemed him and gave him that perfect peace of soul which no other power on earth can give in the hour of death? When Saul, on his way to Damascus, was suddenly arrested by the power of the Almighty and brought under conviction, he addressed a short but yet comprehensive prayer direct to the Lord Jesus, without as much as mentioning the name of God as Father. He said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" His prayer was heard and answered, and so have thousands of other prayers been heard and answered—prayers addressed to the Lord Jesus, prayers by little children, and prayers offered by God's children in childlike simplicity. The blessed Christ heard and answered, and we believe he hears and answers to-day as he did of old, notwithstanding Doctor Dowie to the contrary. Yes, we believe God's children have a right to pray to him who gave himself for them, who loves them and who redeemed them and who leads and blesses them. Is it possible then that our mothers have been mistaken who taught us to say the sweet little prayers at eventide when darkness covered the face of the

earth? That pious, Christian mother who in simple faith has the little child kneel by her side and in believing love teaches it to repeat—

Jesus, tender shepherd, hear me,  
Bless thy little lamb to-night;  
Thro the darkness be thou near me,  
Keep me safe till morning light.

and then commits it to the care of him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," that mother, we say, must be all wrong in teaching the little one to pray to Jesus, if Dr. Dowie is right. But we think not. Let the little child continue to direct its prayers to the dear Jesus, and the kind Father will remember and care for it.

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